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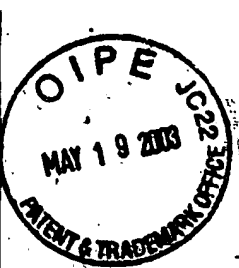
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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed on March 24, 2003,
attached please find the formal drawings for this application with each sheet indicating
the application number; inventor, title and docket number on the top of the drawings -
Number of Sheets: 17.

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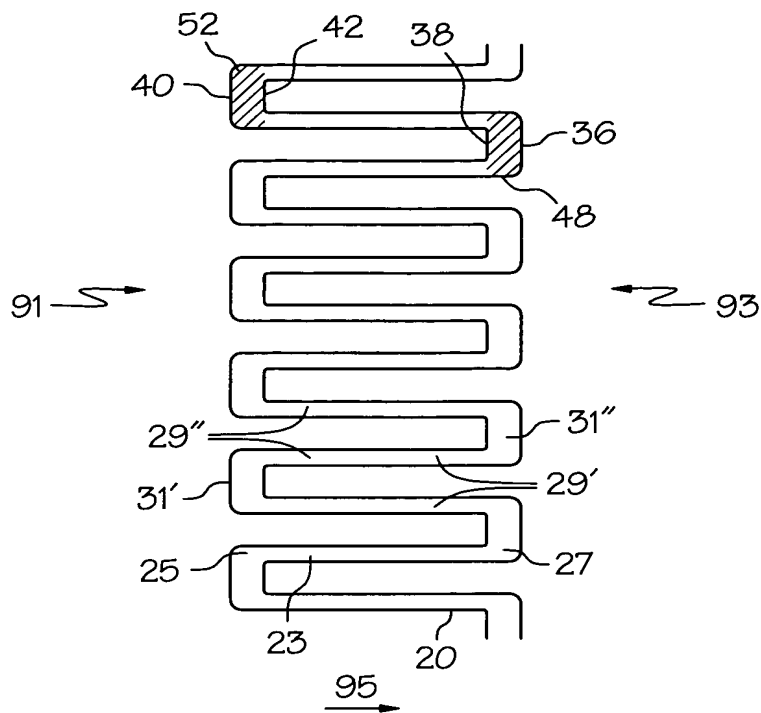


FIG. 1a

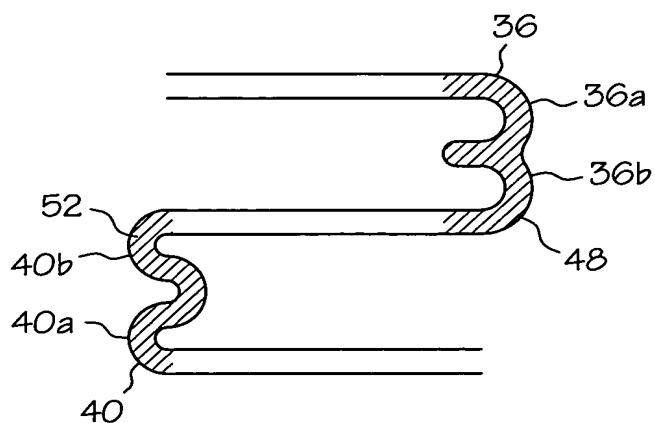


FIG. 1b



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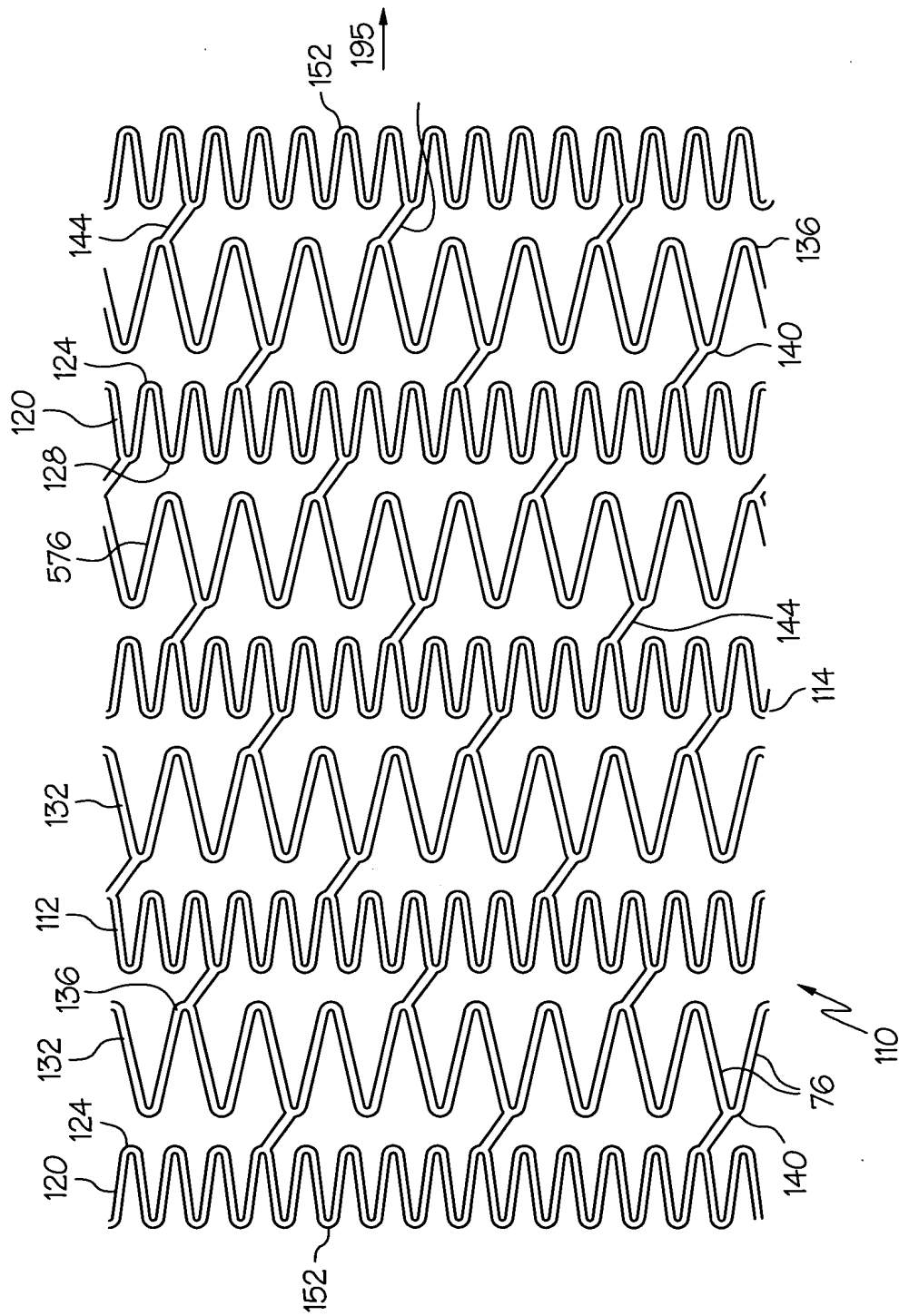
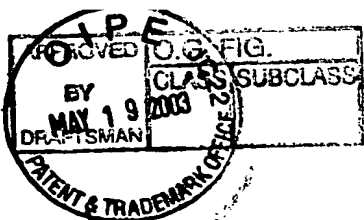


FIG. 2



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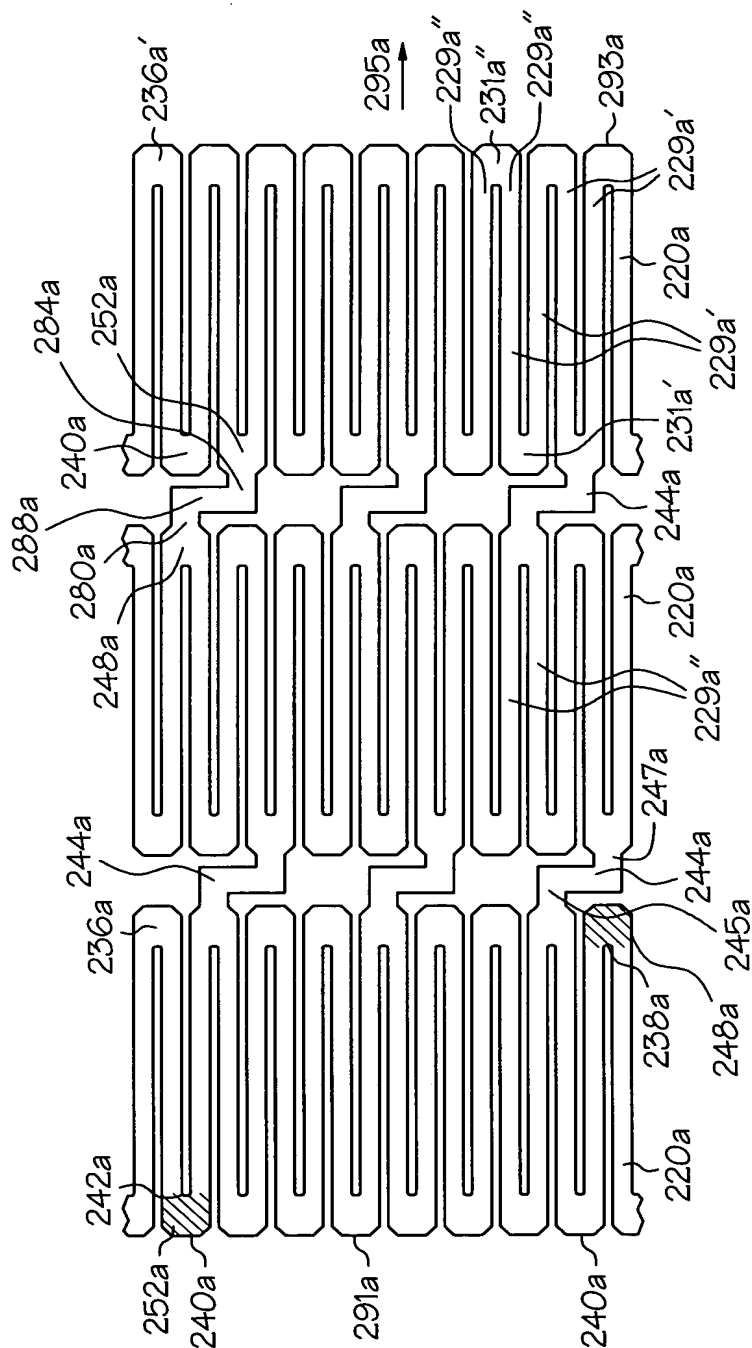
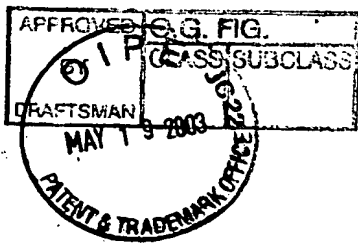


FIG. 4a



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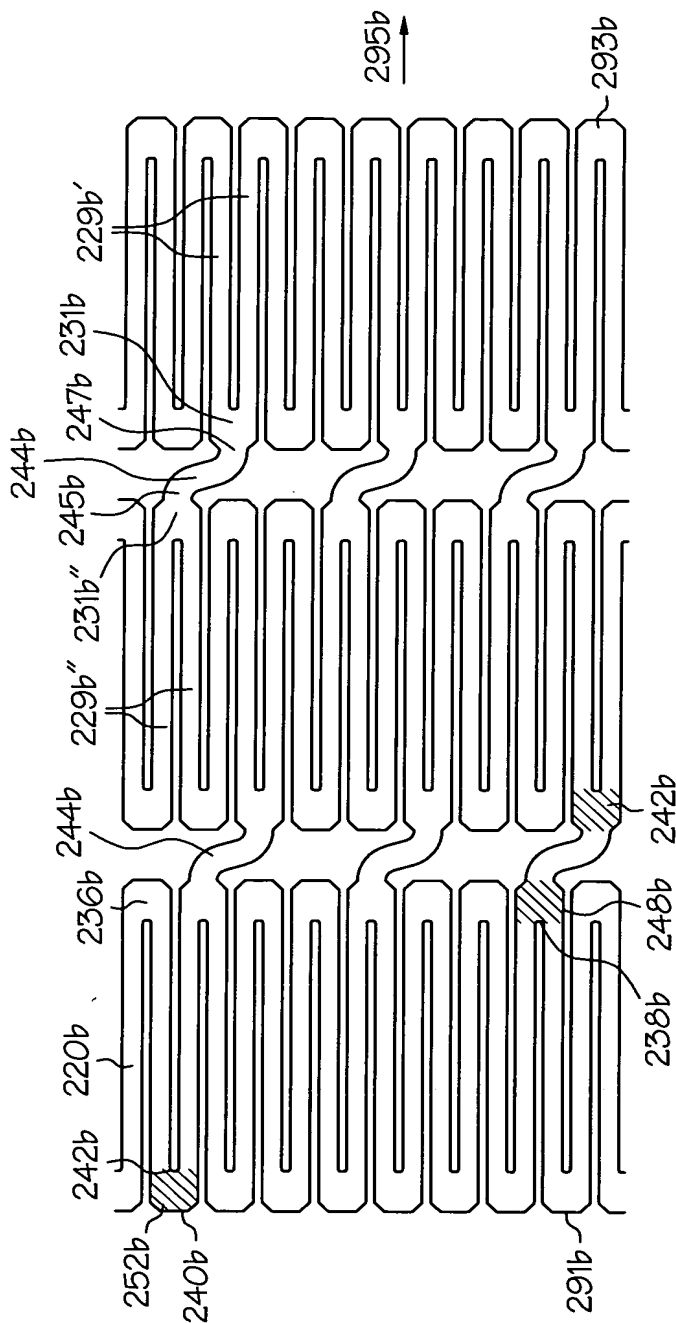
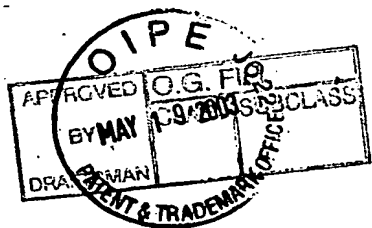


FIG. 4b



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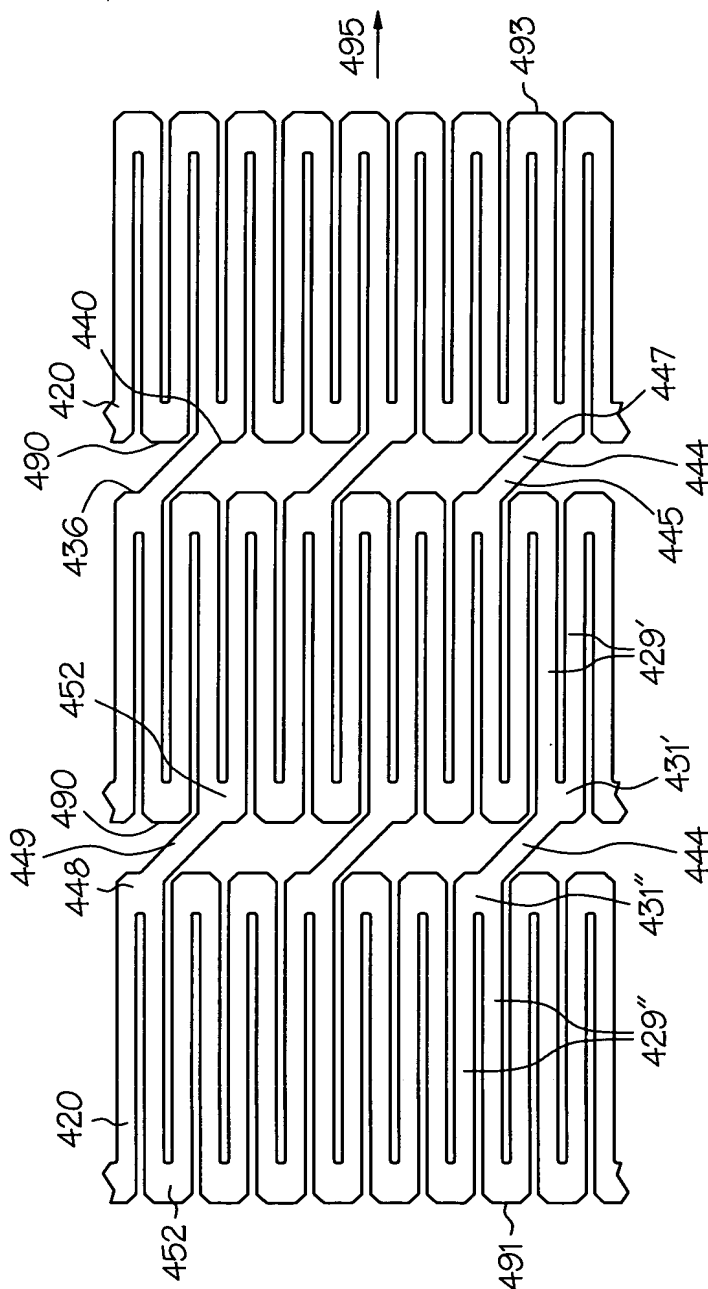
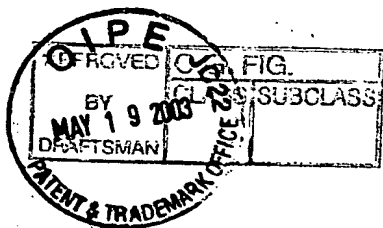


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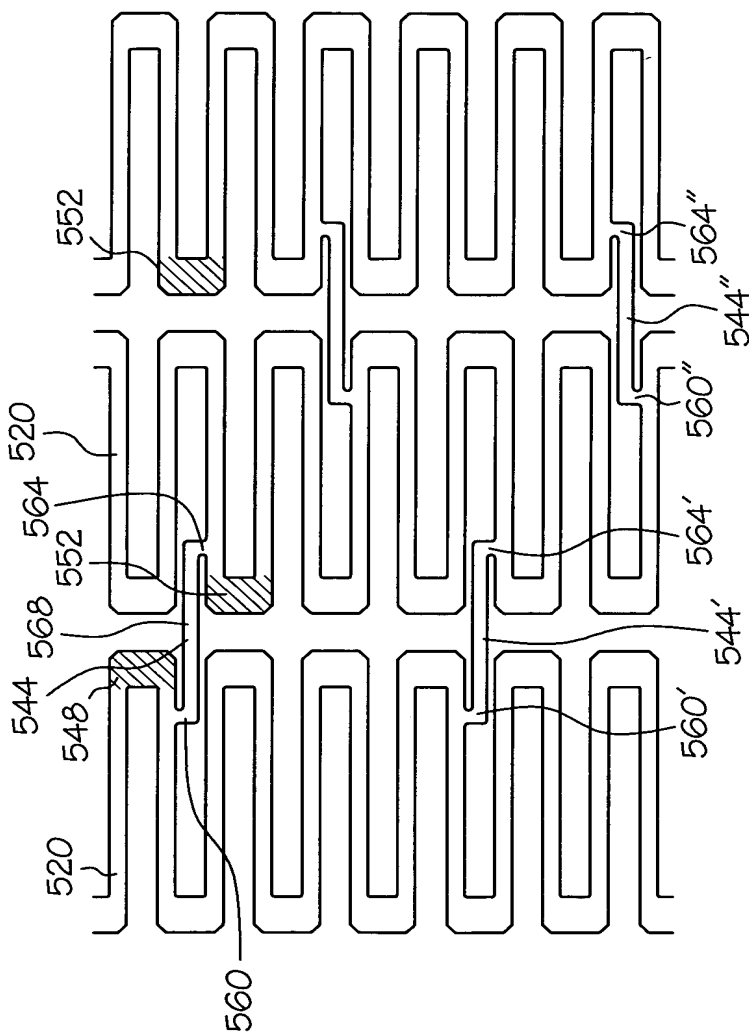
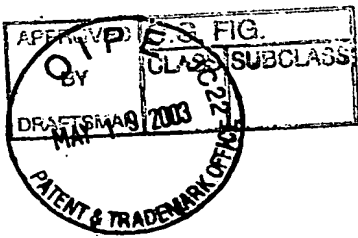


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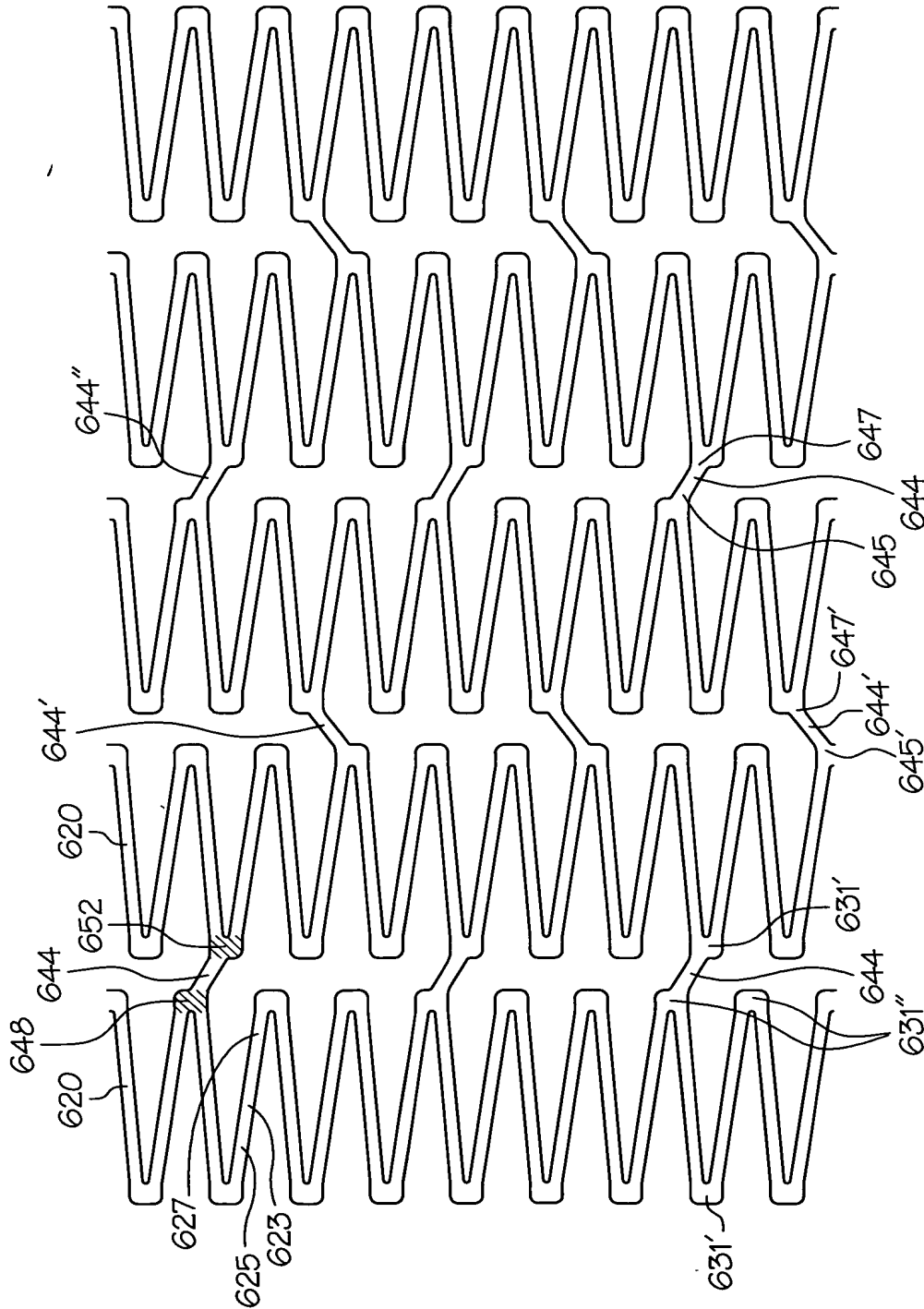


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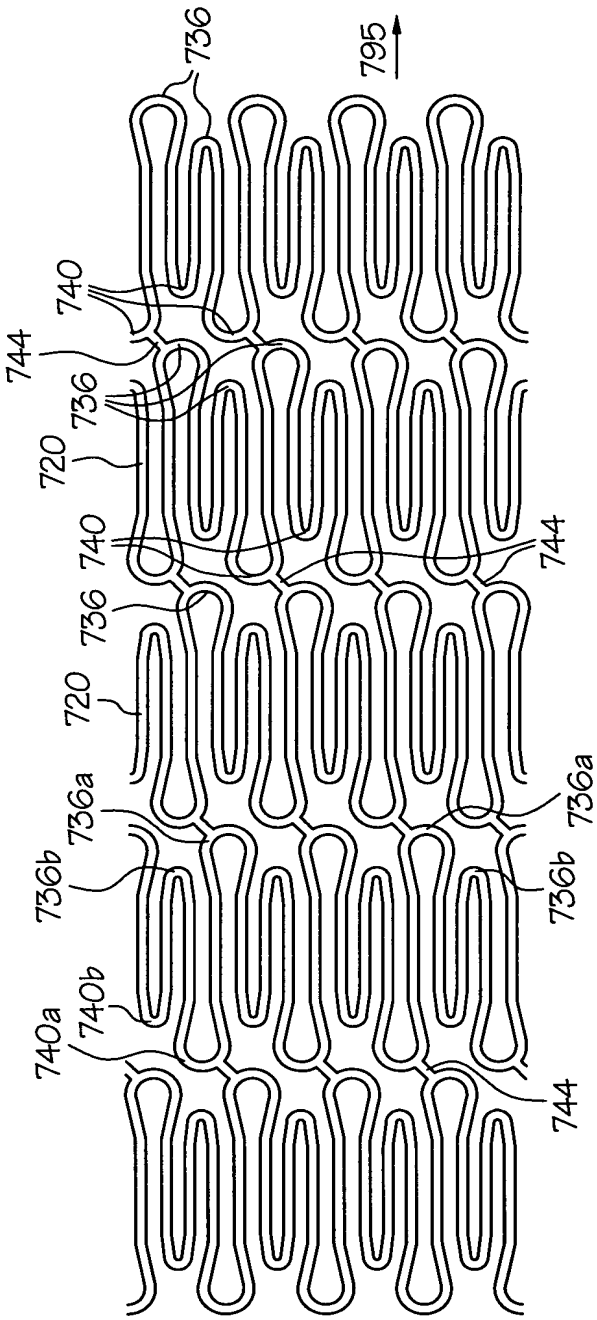
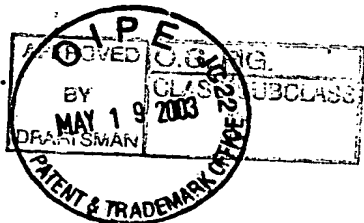


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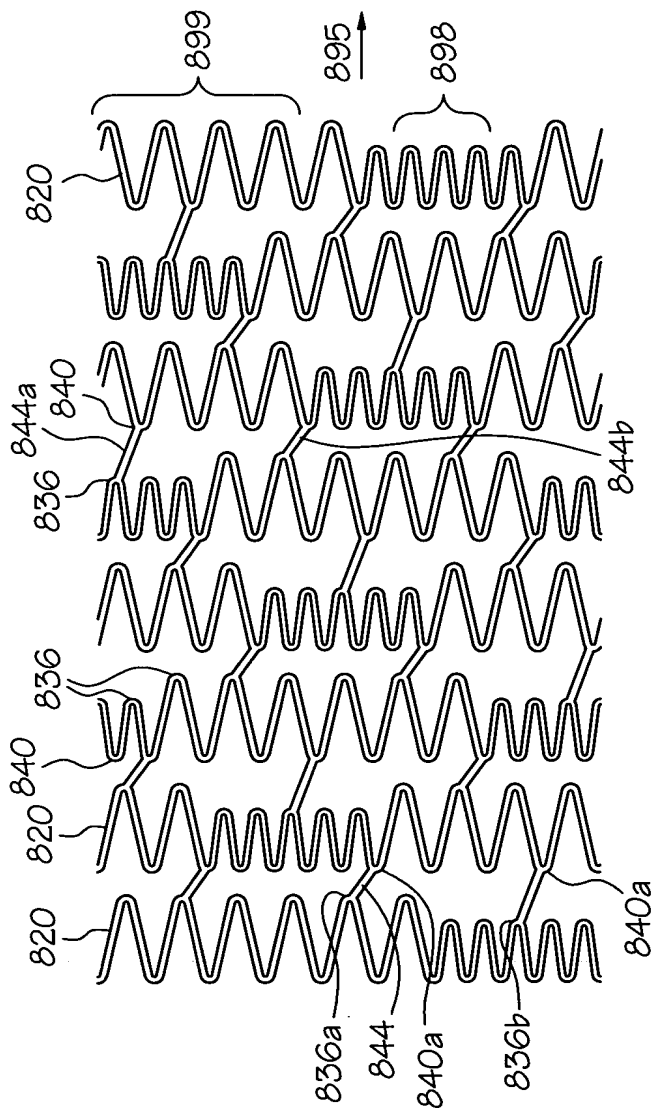
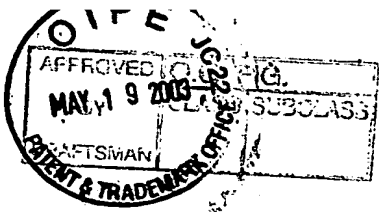


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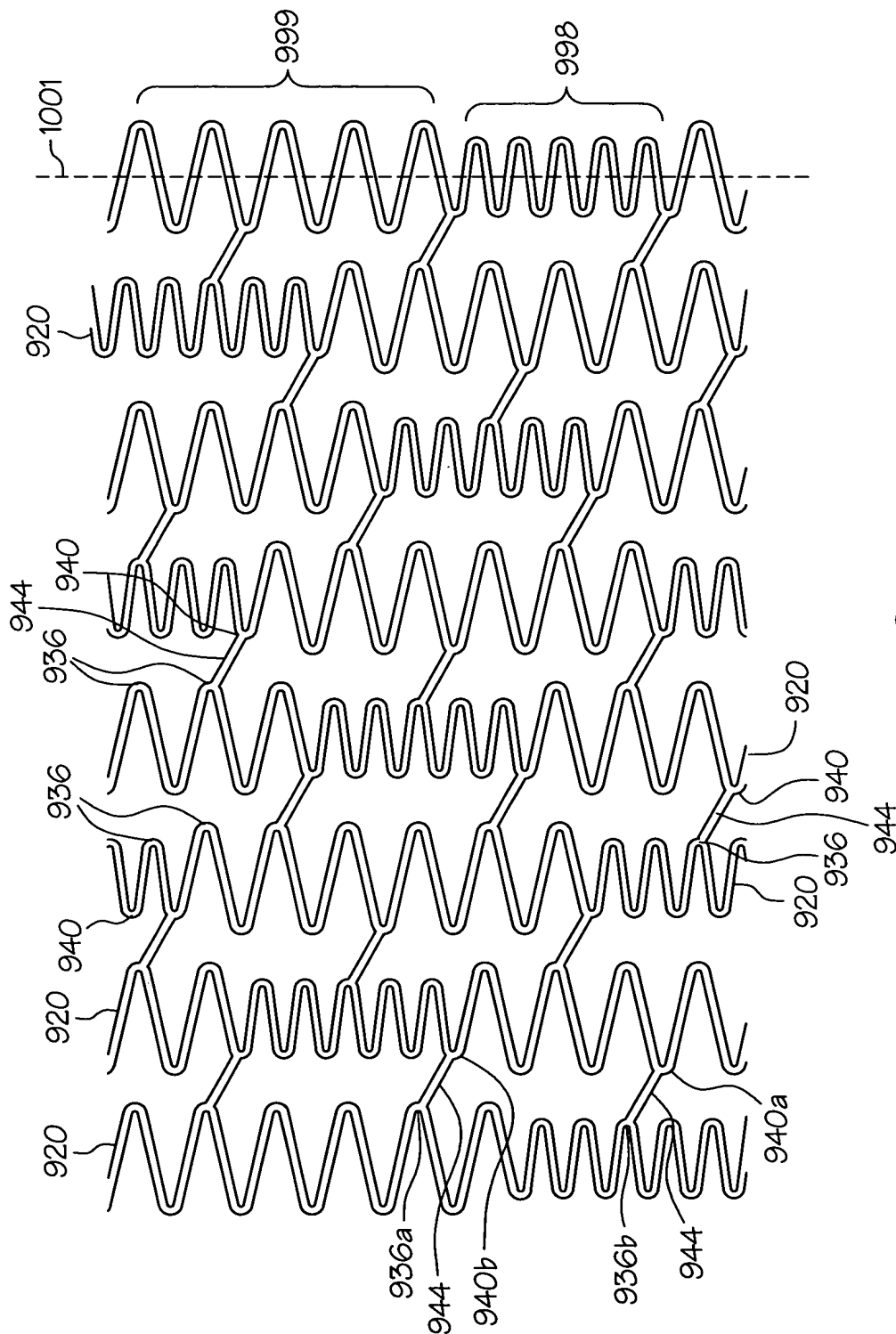


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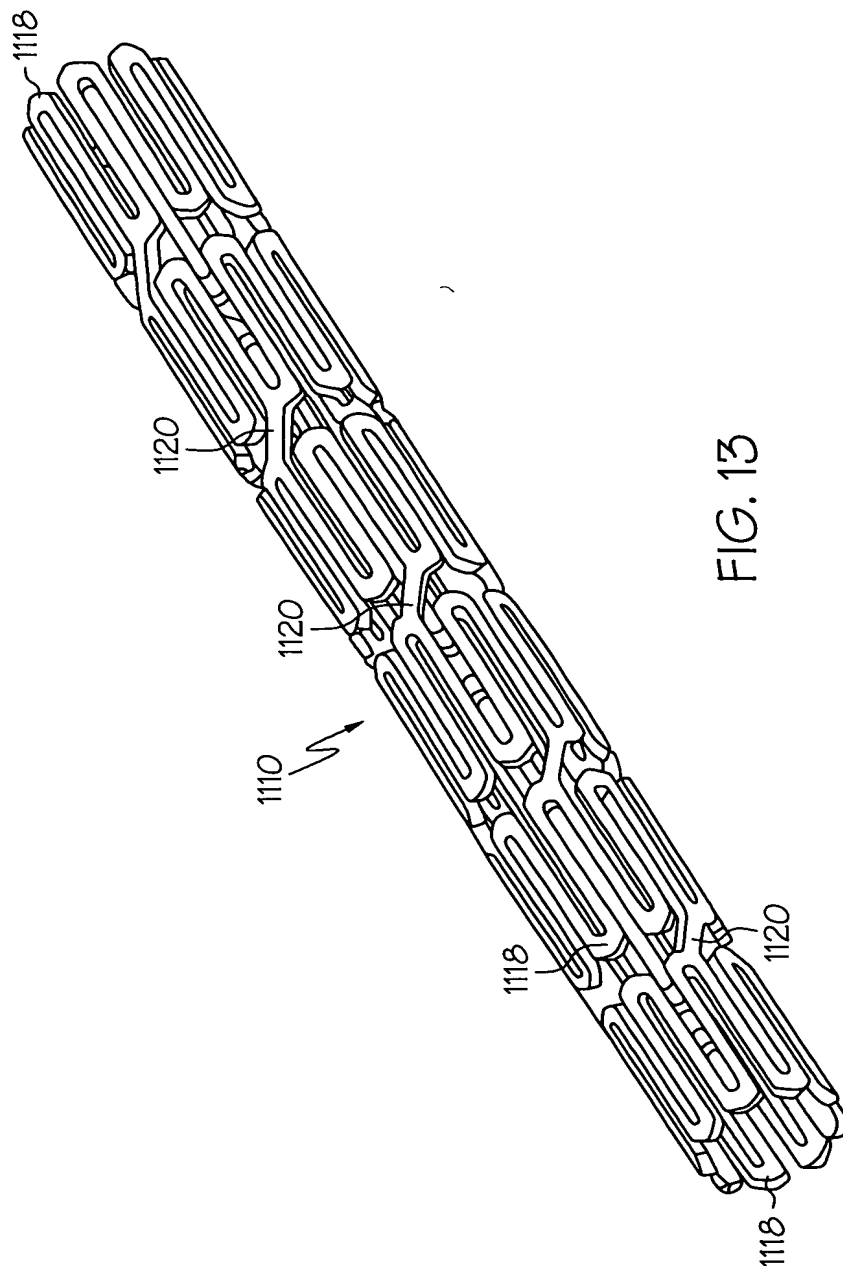
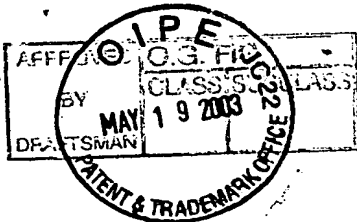


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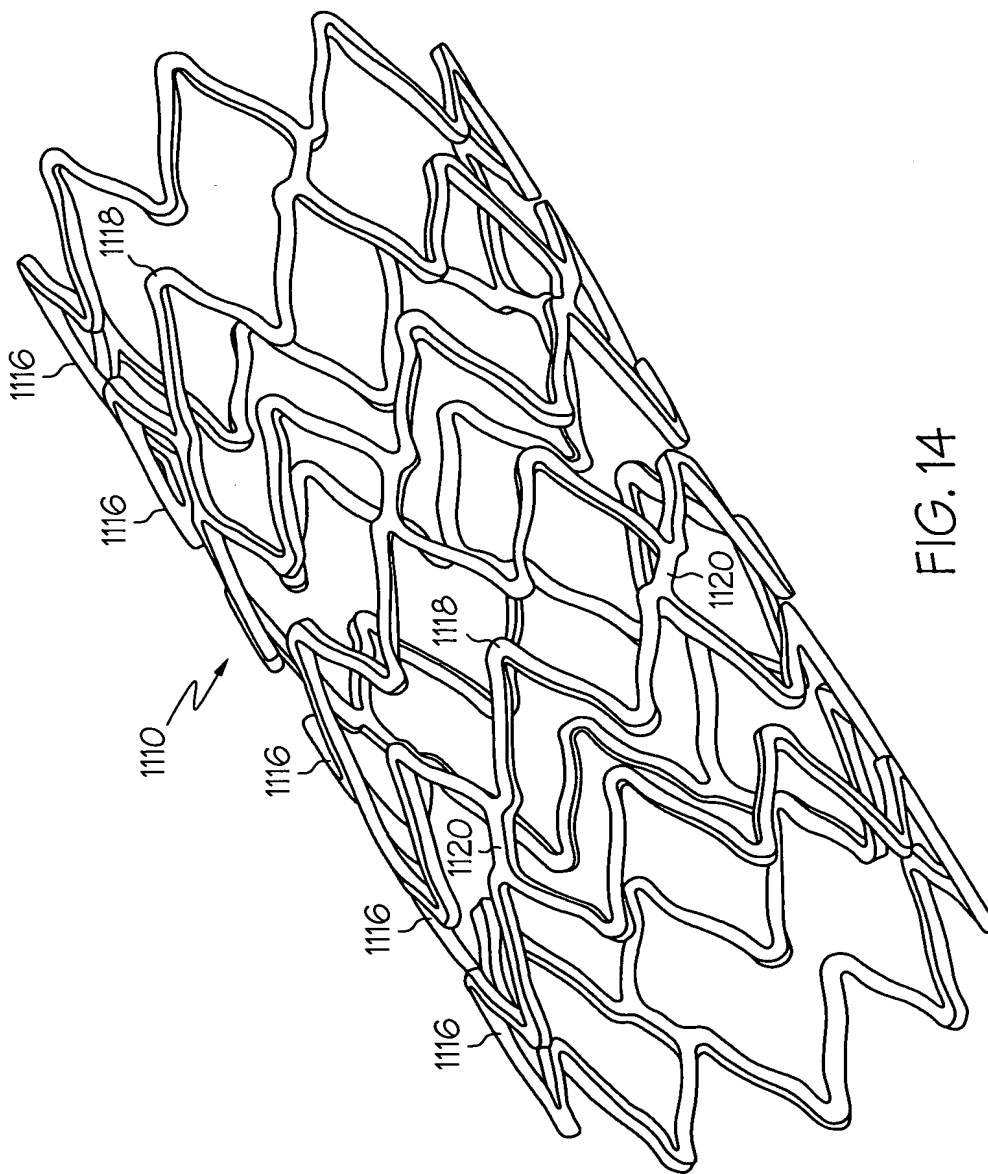
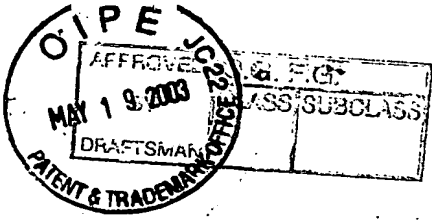


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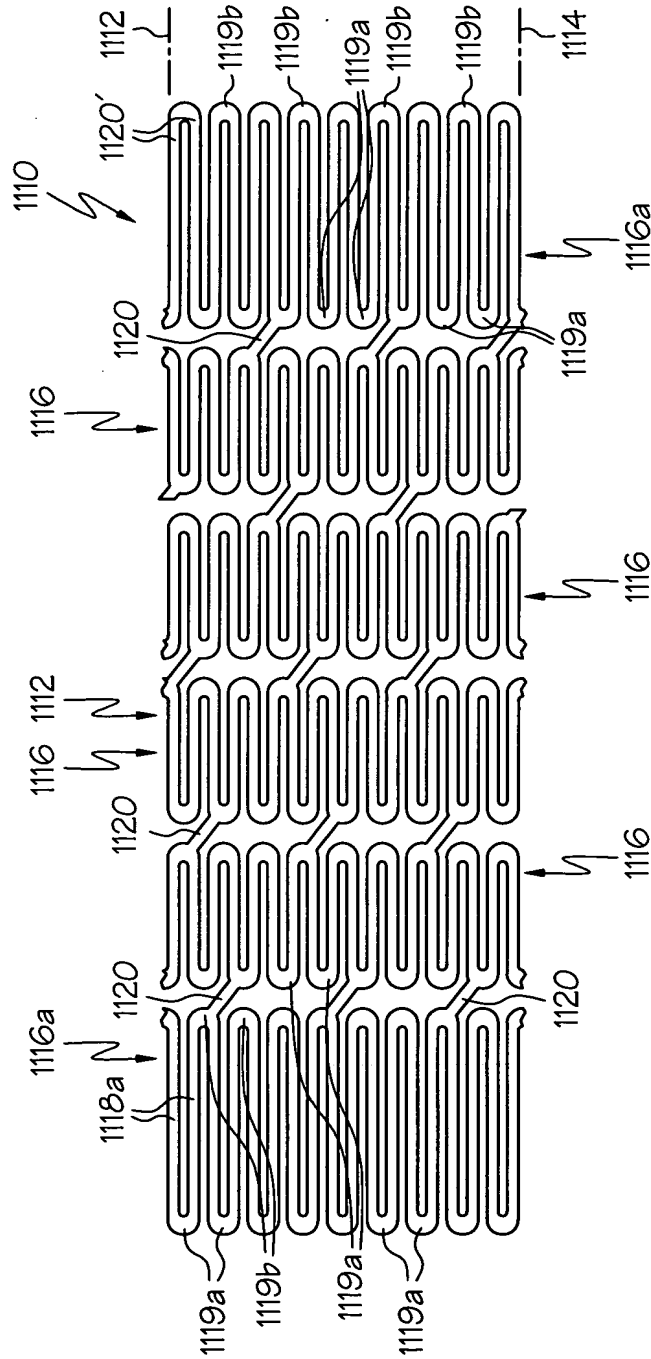


FIG. 15